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REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF EARTH ROADS

If you look at the ordinary country road after a shower you will see small puddles along the wheel ruts and sometimes larger pools. This water stays on the road surface because it cannot drain away into the side ditches. If you look closely you will see side ditches which have grown up with bushes and weeds in many cases, and which are so far from the traveled part of the road that the rain water does not drain into them. That part of the roadway where the wagons travel is called the traveled way. To prevent water from standing on the traveled way the road should be raised in the center and it should slope gently into broad shallow ditches. It is then said to have a crown. If it is 10 feet from the center of the road to the side ditch the surface of the side ditch should be at least 6 inches lower than it is at the center where the horses travel. The road then has a 10 inch crown. The tramp that falls on a road properly crowned will run quickly to the side and not soak into the surface or form pools. The side ditches for surface water should run parallel to the right of way and should be open at every low point so that the water can run out of them into neighboring brooks or streams. If the ditches merely collect the water from the road surface and it cannot run away, large pools will be formed along the roadside, which will gradually soak into the soil beneath the road and make it so soft that the wheels of wagons will cut through the road surface and even destroy it.

Sometimes water runs from land inland the road into the road and forms a little stream down the wheel tracks or in the middle where the horses travel. When driveways into farm yards are built across the side ditches they frequently become channels for water from the farm yards to run into the road. The pipes under driveways become full of horse manure and rubbish and the water can no longer run away. If the driveways that stop the ditch water were rebuilt so that no pipes were necessary and the ditch could be left all open much trouble from surface water would be stopped.

Sometimes a road cuts across low ground or through a swamp where the road cannot be drained by side ditches alone. If the road were built higher like a railroad embankment across such low land and made with a crown, it would be dry and hard. Sometimes a road passes through what is called a cut. This is a place where the earth has been dug out so that the road can go over a hill without being too steep. The water which always flows quietly under the ground on hill sides is known as ground water. In road cuts such water sometimes makes the road very muddy, and the road then needs what road builders call underdrainage. A good kind of underdrainage is a trench to go along the side drain and about 3 feet deep and a foot and a half wide. In this trench a pipe is laid near the bottom and covered with stone stones the ground water, instead of soaking into the roadway, will run along the pipe and flow down the hill through the pipe.

To keep a road smooth and crowned the best method is to drag it with a road drag. A road drag is made easily with two halves of a log which have been split. The log should be about 6 or 8 inches in thickness and about 6 or 8 feet long. The two halves of the log are set 3 feet apart with the smooth faces forward and upright. They are then fastened together with braces set in holes bored through the log. A pair of horses may be used to drag the road and are hitched to a chain fastened to the front half of the log. The road drag should move forward so that it shunts across the road in such a way that a small amount of earth will slide past the smooth face of the log toward the center of the road, thus forming the crown. The edges of the logs will smooth out the cuts. The best way to drag is to begin at the side ditch and go up one side of the road, and then down the other. In the next trip the drag should be started a little nearer the center and the last trip over the road the drag may work close to the center itself. Small ridges of earth will be thrown in the horse track and covered by the round side of the log smoothly over the road. The smearing of the earth by the drag is called "padding" and it tends to make the surface of the road smooth and watertight.

after the sun comes out. The road is always dragged after it has rained and not when it is dry. A good strong pair of horses with a well-built drag can drag about 3 or 4 miles of road in a day, and it is the best way to maintain good roads. In every county some farmer along each 4 miles of road should own a drag and drag the road when it rains, and he would always find the road in good condition when he comes to market.

Owing to the fact that many rural schools were closed at the time when the prize maintenance essay was announced by Director Logan Wolter Pugh of the Office of Public Roads, it has been decided to extend the limit for receiving the essays to October 1, 1913. In addition to the gold medal given as first prize, two silver medals will be given as second and third prizes. If a child who has submitted an essay previous to the issue of the notice should care to try again, he is at liberty to do so, but he must be a pupil of a rural school. There is some misunderstanding in regard to the subject of the essay. The idea is to set the children thinking how to better their own roads with the material they have at hand.

FALL WOULD LET THE AMMUNITIONS GO IN

New Mexico Senator Wishes to Repeal Law Forbidding Exportation to Mexico

Washington, June 15.—Senator Paul of New Mexico today introduced a resolution which would repeal the law that prohibited former President Taft to the bid the exportation of arms and ammunition to Mexico.

Evidently Senator Paul takes the same sense of it, that the earlier bill, himself, the better for all parties concerned, and if this is his belief, he is not by himself in his view of the situation, for there are others.

WOMAN COUNTY MONEY FOR HALF A CENTURY

Miss Emma R. Graves, Aged 81, Has Never Made a Mistake

Washington, D. C., June 12.—Round out her fifty years of service in the treasury department, Miss Emma R. Graves, 81 years old, is the sunshine of the place. For this half century Miss Graves has been steadily coining the nation's wealth. Billions of dollars have passed under her nimble fingers and she has the record of never making a mistake.

WRAP HER IN LACE CURTAINS

Farrell, Pa., June 12.—Officers who sought to arrest "Big Annie" Long weight on a charge of disturbing the peace of her husband found her in bed. The woman, who is 185 pounds, said her clothes were stolen and fled the constables outside. They tore down several lace curtains, wrapped her in them and took her to jail on a dray.

LIGHTNING HAS GOOD TIME WITH THIS MAN

Burns Gloves Off, Tears His Hat and Robs Him of Shoe

Savannah, Tenn., June 12.—Lightning struck a pitchfork in the hands of G. Dowdy, a farmer, who stood on top of a load of hay, pulled the gloves off his hands, tore the crown off his hat and his left shoe from his foot, but did not injure him in the least.

BLACK HANDE AFTER WILSON

Youngstown, Ohio, June 12.—Giuseppe Pomaro was arrested here by Capt. J. E. Washet of the United States Secret Service, on the charge of sending a black hand letter to President Wilson in which he demanded \$5,000 and threatened the President with death unless the amount was paid.

Pomaro was taken to Cleveland, where he will await trial.

GARTER SNAKE IN HIS SHOE

Beaumont Springs, Texas, June 12.—James H. White, blacksmith, tugged and strained in trying to get a shoe on his foot a few mornings ago. When he shook the shoe to see whether there was anything in it a garter snake, crushed but still very much alive, fell out. He promises to make a real live issue of this next winter.

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PROGRAM OF THE ALL QUAY COUNTY FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT TUCUMCARI

July 4—Stevie parade and Automobile show. Sweepstakes for the best decorated automobile of that.

12:30 p.m.—Barbeque dinner under the big tent. Everything free.

1:30 p.m.—Addressed welcome, W. R. Becton, Mexican.

Address, Hon. Antonio Llerena, Secretary of State of New Mexico.

Address, Prof. Dr. E. Mandel of U. S. Experiment Farm, Station 750, and妻子.

Other speakers to be announced in local papers later.

3:30 p.m.—Races and distribution of prizes.

4:30 p.m.—100 yard dash contests from Quay county. First prize among men \$2.50.

Boys' foot race 50 yards. Boys 14 years or under, open to contestants from all Quay county school districts.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest from the Seat of Government

(By J. E. Jones)

Professor Tait at the Capital

Former President Tait has been at Washington for a few days, and he spoke attending a meeting of the Lincoln Memorial Commission, met his old friends by the score. There were interviews, employed secret service men to watch his every movement, and White House informants, one shadow swinging along on many cycles, trying to shoot guns and jolted with arrows to injure, telling them all new tricks he is and just by "secret" and we are pulled off the ground of trust, safety, courage, purity, beauty, modesty, etc., back to the east of Southern railroads and the price of bushels in the Capital restaurant. The lobby investigation has been dwelling heavily on difficulties with attention through the multitude of a score of secret and well known to everyone as the 30 individuals now sought after. Since the time of George Washington men have been going to the sun in government and the purpose of getting away before a trial. But the government has lost with honor, it is true, and countries of our kind are excepted. Now large numbers of sets out to create difficulties and to accuse matters with the Members of Congress. Senator Leib of Tennessee defines a lobbyist as follows: "A lobbyist is generally a man who is opposed to your view of legislation and who agrees with your interests he is called as 'expert'." So really the men who are "negotiating for their existence," as they declare, are those in opposing some of the Taft's interests. Some "experts" are doing the same thing as the 30 individuals now sought after the day before. Washington recognizes the implications and intricacies of those attempted to surround commanding men organization in the manner, beginning with their names and running through cities, towns, municipalities and the various legislatures. Mr. Kenyon of Iowa gets in the spotlight about as often as any of the Senators is speculating on finding the ex-Members of the two Houses, and he writes to exclude them from the ranks of the two Chambers lest they might injure while identified with their former colleagues.

Rucker Wants a Single Six Year Term

It will be remembered that the Senate last year declared in favor of a single Presidential term of six years, the bill was tucked to sleep in the House Judiciary Committee. Now Congressman Rucker of Missouri has reinstated a similar measure, and had it referred to one of the Election Committees, of which he is chairman, and he promises to make a real live issue of this next winter.

Honorable Carter Glass, Congressman

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of a "progressive Congressman." Professor Wilson and about a good deal during his administration, in seeking to give the best possible advice about the country, but he has sold short to take whom he finds best known more about money than Solomon Islands or of the college professors class, as the young figure in the national capital.

Kent Changes Views About

Battieship

The position of Congressman Kent in opposing large navy appropriations, has cost a good deal of comment, as he is a California Member. Kent says that he has had a change of heart, and in his statement he refers to the days when he decries as a man that he may not wish—since we are apt to have misunderstandings with other nations, he believes it is time to face facts, rather than theories, concluding thus therefore: "I have no more a hard-ship man, where before I voted against them."

The Department of Agriculture has been making an investigation and finds that most of the total loss of eggs takes place on the farm, why that millions of dollars are wasted in this way and costs. The simplified methods of poultry management are given a bad lead by the agricultural experts, and one is tempted to think twice before buying and thoughts emphasizing the "egg egg" after reading what Mr. Wilson's new food farmer has to say upon this important subject.

HUMPHREYS—ROGERS

On Monday, June 16, 1913, Miss Margaret Humphreys of Montoya and James D. Rodgers of this place, were quietly married at Santa Rosa and came to Cincinnati on No. 34 that evening.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Humphreys of Montoya vicinity and has been with friends in Cincinnati frequently, and is a modest and refined young lady with a host of friends who are well-wishers for her future happiness.

The groom is a banker, at present connected with the Palace Barbershop of our city a perfect gentleman, and is worthy of the lady he has won.

This is certainly a congenial couple and we predict a happy and successful marriage for the matrimonial sea.

All other goods by nature's hand are given.

A wife is the peculiar gift of God.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Services may be expected as usual at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

The theme of the 11 o'clock services will be "The Church in Action."

At 7:30 p.m. there will be a song service conducted by the Christian Endeavor Society followed at 8 o'clock by the regular evening service.

Services around 9:45 a.m. will be held on Wednesday, June 20.

ANSWERS THE CALL

Mr. E. G. Jacobs has received a notice of the death of Mr. George W. Ward, who died at his home in Las Vegas on Friday, June 13, 1913, and the funeral services were held in East Las Vegas at the Masonic Temple under the direction of the Grand Master.

The deceased was one of the oldest Past Grand Masters in our state, and was he who signed the charter for Las Vegas. He was Grand Master in 1904-05.

NOT SUPERSTITIOUS

Sheriff Frank Ward and J. D. Love left here Friday the 13th with five prisoners for the penitentiary at Santa Fe. They left the Rock Island at Terrell, Texas, where they took the Mexican Central train to El Paso, where they might injure while identified with their former colleagues.

No accident occurred, but we will not say who sit on the rear steps with feet hanging off, ready to jump.

NEW BASE BALL SUITS

The new base ball suits have arrived and are on display at Farley & Lawson's. They are beauties, and we really feel sorry for the team they built up against with these nice new suits for the first time. The score will be 8 to 0 in favor of our boys.

The suits are gray striped, blue socks and belt and cap to the cap, all blue, with letter T on breast, also in blue, and it will give the opposing team the "blues" when they appear against them.

EASY TO SPELL

The driver of an automobile is called a chauffeur by those who ride with him, but what pedestrians call him is a great deal easier to spell.

STATE BANK FAILS AT CLOVIS; BAD LOANS

American Bank and Trust Company is Taken Charge of by Traveling Auditor Howell Ernest

Clovis, N. M., June 17.—The American Bank & Trust Co., a state institution, failed to open its doors for the day's business at 9 o'clock this morning. On the door was posted a notice to the effect that the bank was in the hands of Howell Ernest, traveling auditor and bank examiner.

The traveling Auditor Ernest had been here since Sunday, investigating the bank's affairs and it was thought until last night that the institution's affairs were in better shape than the auditor believed. However a thorough investigation of the books of the institution revealed the fact, according to statements today of local bankers, that there was but \$10,000 worth of good paper out of 40,000 and \$6,000 cash on hand to meet depositors aggregating something over \$30,000.

It is reported that numerous local business firms and depositors heard the bank was in difficulty as early as last week and these withdrew their deposits, although there was not a perceptible dip on the books.

J. C. West, a prominent citizen of Clovis, and brother of the attorney general of that state, is president of the institution, and in a statement is said today he promises that in time all of the deposit will be paid. Mr. Boyle is the cashier of the institution and has been the official actively in charge of the bank's affairs.

While the failure of the bank caused quite a flurry in Clovis, the depositors appear to be taking the failure calmly and are disposed to await the winding up of the bank's business with patience.

Mr. Ernest as yet has issued no statement showing the exact assets and liabilities. A receiver likely will be named within a few days.

RAILWAY RATES JULY 4

The F. P. & S. W. R. R. will give a rate of one and one-third for round trip to any point in New Mexico, on sole July 2, 3 and 4, good to return July 7.

Also, on account of the Grand Lodge of Elks to assemble at Rochester, N. Y., July 2, 3 and 4, good to final return 30 days from date of sale. The fare is \$5.45 for round trip.

COMING JULY 4

We are informed that Hon. Antonio Llerena, Secretary of State, has accepted the invitation to be with us on July 4, and he has the envied reputation of being the master of the state.

All should attend and give him an audience. It will well repay you for the trouble. Come get acquainted with him, he is one of our highest officials in the new state.

BASE BALL SUNDAY

If the weather does not interfere, the Dallas team is expected here next Sunday and the local boys will appear in their new suits, a sight worth seeing, to say nothing of the strong game they will put up.

Oh! ye Dallas! Bring your mourners along with you!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Morning prayer at 11 o'clock every Sunday. One of Dean Hart's sermons will be read by the Lay Reader. We want an organist while Miss Edith is away. Evidently invited.

H. W. Griffin, Lay Reader Sunday school at 10 o'clock.